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that if it doesn't pass this session that my life is going to change drastically. I want the budget all put together. We're going to get to that. Maybe Senator Chambers is right. Maybe we'll have to come back for a special session. Let's deal with it. But the fact of the matter is, not one more bill, not one more, I haven't seen one. That's the way I look at it. This bill doesn't have to pass, my bill doesn't have to pass, Senator Mines' bill especially doesn't have to pass. (Laughter) The next five minutes, I'm ready. Let's do it. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Friend. Senator Beutler, on the bracket motion.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Well, I'm going to continue to operate on the principle that there may be a few more minds out there that might be persuaded one way or another. And I'd like to persuade them that this is indeed one more bad bill. But I wanted to bring to your attention the last chart that I passed out to you. I pass these things out because I think they mean something. And I hope they do to you, too. The one I'm referencing now, at the top says, 2003 Estimated Employer Cost for Employee. And it's a chart that compares all of the different states in the union, and some entities that are not states but that use a similar system. And this, I think, is the most important chart. And I say that because it takes into account everything. I mean, this takes into account whatever your wage base is and whatever your rates are. This gets to the bottom line of how much it costs every employer in these various states per employee. And if you look at this chart, Nebraska is the forty-second state. With number one being the most expensive, ours is the forty-second state. So if you take into account the little qualifying week provision here, the piddly part of it that we're dealing with, if you take into account the wage base, if you take into account the number of people receiving benefits, if you take into account the rate charged for employers, if you take into account the very low benefit level that we get into this...give in this state, which is a very important part of this component, the total picture, total picture, is that employers in this state do very well indeed just with the law the way it is. Iowa, look at Iowa over there,